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"The Association is formed to further in Loyal, Patriotic, and Beneficient ways, the interests of the Regiment, the Members and Ex-Members thereof."

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NAME.

1. The Association which is hereby formed shall be called The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Ex-Members' Association.

OBJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

2. The Association is formed for the purpose of furthering in such loyal, patriotic and beneficient ways as shall from time to time be found advisable in the interests of the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada and of the members and ex-members thereof and their dependents.

MEMBERSHIP AND FEES AND ASSESSMENTS.

3. Any person who has been a member of the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada and has retired in good standing or been honorably discharged therefrom shall be eligible for membership.

4. There shall be three classes of members, namely, Ordinary Members, Life Members and Honorary Members.

5. Any person who desires to become an Ordinary or Life Member shall make application in writing in such form as shall from time to time be decided upon by the Committee of Management of the Association, and such application shall be subject to acceptance or rejection by the Committee of Management.

6. Ordinary Members shall pay for the purposes of the Association such annual fee, not exceeding Two Dollars, as shall from time to time be fixed by the Committee of Management. Life Members shall pay for the purposes of the Association such fee, not less than Twenty-Five Dollars, as shall from time to time be fixed by the Committee of Management, and shall not be liable to pay an annual fee.

7. The Committee of Management shall have the power to appoint Honorary Members of the Association, and such honorary members shall not pay a fee.

8. A member may resign at any time.

9. The Committee of Management shall have power in the absolute discretion of at least three fourths of the members thereof to ter-

minate at any time the membership of any Honorary Member or Life Member.

10. In the event of the termination of the membership of a Life Member (except by reason of death or his resignation) there shall be repaid to him without interest, the amount, if any, which he shall have paid to the Association upon his acceptance as a life member.

11. The Committee of Management shall also have power to terminate at any time in the absolute discretion of a majority of the members thereof present at a duly called meeting thereof, the membership of an Ordinary Member for non-payment of the annual fee, or for any other cause; and in the event of the termination of the membership of an Ordinary Member for non-payment of the annual fee, or for any other cause no sum shall be repaid to such member.

12. The Executive Committee shall have power to appoint from time to time members of the Association to act as Local Committees at such places in the Dominion of Canada and elsewhere as shall from time to time be deemed advisable; to prescribe the duties of such Local Committees and to terminate at any time any such appointments.

OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES.

13. The Officers of the Association shall consist of an Honorary President (or two or more honorary presidents), a President, two Vice-Presidents, an Honorary Treasurer, and an Honorary Secretary.

14. There shall be a Committee of the Association, which shall be called the Committee of Management, and which shall consist of the Officers of the Association and of twenty members, a quorum of which shall consist of not less than nine members.

15. There shall also be a Committee of the Association, which shall be called the Executive Committee, and which shall consist of the Officers of the Association and of five other members of the Committee of Management to be appointed by the Committee of Management. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall consist of five members.

16. The Officers of the Association and the members of the Committee of Management shall be elected by ballot at the Annual General Meeting of the Association, or at a Special General Meeting called for the purpose and shall (unless removed from office as hereinafter provided) hold office until the next

Annual General Meeting, or until their successors are duly elected.

17. The President, or in his absence, one of the Vice-Presidents, shall preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Committee of Management, or in their absence, the members present at such meeting shall select a Chairman.

18. The Secretary shall have charge of the books and records of the Association, and shall attend at the meetings of the Association and of the Committee of Management, and shall take minutes of the same.

19. The Honorary Treasurer shall take charge of all moneys belonging to the Association, keep an account of same, and shall open an account in a chartered bank, where all moneys shall be deposited. The Honorary Treasurer shall pay all accounts by cheque signed by him and countersigned by the President, or one of the Vice-Presidents, and after the same have been certified by the Secretary and passed by the Executive Committee. He shall perform the duties pertaining to such office, and shall present a statement of his receipts and disbursements at the Annual Meeting, or when required by the Executive Committee.

20. The Committee of Management shall have power to administer in all respects the affairs of the Association to define the duties and powers of the Executive Committee, and to make any changes in the duties and powers of the Honorary Treasurer and the Honorary Secretary, as may be deemed advisable.

21. Any Officer of the Association and any member of the Committee of Management may be removed from office at any time upon a resolution to that effect of at least three-fourths of those members of the Association present at a Special General Meeting of the Association called to consider such removal, and at the same meeting or at any subsequent Special General Meeting another person may be appointed in the stead of the Officer or member so removed. The person so appointed shall hold office during such time only as the Officer or member so removed would have held office if he had not been removed.

MEETINGS AND VOTING THEREAT.

22. The General Meeting of the Association shall be held in each calender year in the month of January, at the city of Toronto at such place and time as the Committee of Management shall from time to time appoint.

23. A Special General Meeting of the Association shall be called at any time by the Secretary or Acting Secretary of the Association by order of the President or of any other two members of the Committee of Management.

24. A Special General Meeting of the Association shall also be called at any time by the Secretary or Acting Secretary of the Association upon the written request of any ten members of the Association, and such request shall state the nature of the business to be brought before the meeting.

25. It shall not be necessary to give to each member of the Association special notice of the Annual General Meeting or of a Special General Meeting, but a notice of the time and place at which the meeting is to be held shall be published twice not less than ten days before the day of the meeting in two daily newspapers published in the city of Toronto, and a notice so published shall be sufficient.

26. The notice of a Special General Meeting shall state the general nature of the business to be brought before the meeting.

27. The quorum at an Annual General Meeting and at a Special General Meeting

shall consist of not less than fifteen members present in person.

28. At each Annual General Meeting there shall be submitted a report of the proceedings of the Association for the year ending on the ———day of ———————— next preceding, and also a duly audited statement of the receipts and expenditures for the same period and a duly audited balance sheet of the assets and liabilities of the association.

29. At all meetings each member (other than an Honorary Member) of the Association, whether a Life Member or an Ordinary Member, shall be entitled to one vote. All questions shall be decided by the majority of the votes of the members (other than Honorary Members) present at the meeting and (except in the election of Officers and members of the Committee of Management) by open vote unless a ballot is demanded in writing by at least five members present at the meeting.

30. The Chairman presiding at the meeting shall have a casting vote in addition to his vote as a member.

31. No member shall vote by proxy.

32. The Chairman presiding at any meeting of the Association, or of the Committee

of Management, may, with the consent of a majority of the members then present, adjourn such meeting from time to time and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at an adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place.

33. A meeting of the Committee of Management may be held without previous notice as soon as is reasonably possible after the election of the officers and the Committee of Management, at the Annual General Meeting, and at this meeting the Committee of Management shall have power to transact any business within its jurisdiction.

34. Subject to the direction of the Chairman presiding at the meeting, the order of business at an Annual General Meeting, or at a Special General Meeting shall be as follows:—

(a) Reading and confirmation of the minutes of the preceding meeting.

(b) Reports.

(c) Unfinished Business.

(d) General Business.

(e) Special Business.

(f) Election of Officers and members of the Committee of Management.

35. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order and shall not be debated.

36. A meeting of the Committee of Management may be held at such place in the city of Toronto as shall from time to time be used as the office of the Association at any time upon the call of the President or of any two of the other members of the Committee of Management, and notice in writing of the time and place of the meeting shall be given by the Secretary or Acting Secretary of the Association to each member of the Committee of Management by the same being delivered personally to the member at least two days previously to the time at which the meeting is to be held, or by the same being addressed to the member at his address as registered with the Secretary, or if no address is so registered then addressed to the member at Toronto, and being deposited with postage prepaid in one of His Majesty's post offices in the city of Toronto at least three days previously to the time at which the meeting is to be held.

37. In the notice of a meeting of the Committee of Management there shall be a statement as far as possible of the chief items of business to be brought before such meeting,

but this requirement shall not prevent the consideration of matters accidentally omitted from such notice or arising after the giving of such notice.

38. A meeting of the Committee of Management may be held without notice at any time at any place in the city of Toronto if all the members are present, or if those absent assent in writing to such meeting being so held or waive the necessity of notice being given.

39. All questions at meetings of the Committee of Management (except the termination of the membership of an Honorary Member or of a Life Member, or of an Ordinary Member as hereinbefore provided), shall be decided by the majority of the individual votes of the members of the Committee of Management present at the meeting.

40. The Chairman presiding at a meeting of the Committee of Management shall have a casting vote in addition to his vote as a member of such committee.

AUDITORS.

41. An Auditor or Auditors shall be appointed by the Association at the Annual General Meeting, or at a Special General

Meeting and it shall be the duty of the Auditor or Auditors to examine and audit the books, accounts, securities and documents relating to the financial affairs of the Association and to report thereon to the Association at the Annual General Meeting, and also to the Committee of Management, whenever required by such committee so to do.

42. In the event of the death, resignation, absence unwillingness or inability to act of the Auditor or Auditors the Committee of Management shall appoint an Auditor or Auditors to hold office until another Auditor or other Auditors shall have been appointed by the Association.

MINUTES.

43. Minutes of the proceedings and resolutions at all meetings of the Association and of the Committee of Management, and at the meetings of all other committees, shall be entered in the minute books to be kept for that purpose.

AMENDMENT AND APPEAL.

44. Any provision of the Constitution of the Association, and any rule thereof, may be amended, added to or repealed at any time at

any Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the Association upon a vote in favor of such repeal, addition, or amendment of at least three-fourths of the members of the Association present at the meeting. But no appeal, addition or amendment shall be made unless notice in writing of a motion therefor shall have been given to the Secretary or Acting Secretary at least fifteen days prior to the day of the meeting at which the motion is to be made, and a statement of the general nature of the proposed repeal, addition or amendment shall be published by the Secretary or Acting Secretary at least once, not less than ten days before the day of the meeting, in the notice of the meeting hereinbefore required.